

2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Resource Advisory Committees for the Alaska Region

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Agriculture

2. Fiscal Year

2007

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Resource Advisory Committees for the Alaska Region

3b. GSA Committee No.

13816

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/24/2006

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

09/30/2007

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

09/30/2007

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

No

10b. Legislation Pending?

Enacted

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Public Law 106-393

13. Effective Date

10/30/2000

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 3 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 3

	Purpose	Start	End
[Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	To review, discuss, and vote on project proposals.	09/20/2007	09/20/2007
[Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	To review, discuss, and vote on project proposals.	09/20/2007	09/20/2007
[Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	Review, discuss, and recommend projects.	08/10/2007	08/10/2007

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$700.00	\$700.00

18d. Total	\$21,900.00	\$25,700.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.40	0.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The scope and objectives of the Resource Advisory Committees of the Alaska Region are to implement Title II provisions of Public Law 106-393, Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The duties and responsibilities of the committee are to solicit, review, and recommend projects to the Secretary on the Tongass National Forest, using Title II funds the boroughs set aside for this purpose.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the RAC is made up of a broad representation of community interests mentioned in the Act. These groups include persons who represent organized labor; developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities; energy and mineral development interests; commercial timber industry; hold Federal grazing permits or other land use permits; nationally and regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreational activities; archaeological and historical interest; nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interests groups; hold state-elected office or their designee; hold county- or local- elected office; represent American Indian tribes; school officials or teachers; and represent the affected public-at-large.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

There have been a total of twelve RAC meetings in the Alaska region. Each of the three active RACS had four meetings, approximately every other month during the winter and spring. The meetings focused on RAC business related to project solicitation and proposed project review and were relevant.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

This committee is essential because Public Law 106-393 requires public representatives from a cross section of interests in the local area to fulfill the mandate of the legislation. No such advisory group with the required broad variety of interests currently exists in these areas in the Alaska Region.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

Secretariat advised termination due to lapsed legislation. Agency may bring this committee back on its own authority if legislation is not forthcoming.

Designated Federal Officer

Jerry Ingersoll Ketchikan District Ranger

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Coose, Richard [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Forest management , retired	Representative Member
Erickson, Kari [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Division Manager, Gray Line	Representative Member
Finney, Brad [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Alaska Forest Association	Representative Member
Galea, John [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Forest management, retired	Representative Member
Graham, Owen [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Executive Director, Alaska Forest Association	Representative Member
Hawkins, Merle [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Indian Community Tribe	Representative Member
Mitchell, Jim [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition	Representative Member
Raine, Mark [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ducks Unlimited	Representative Member
Sallee, Michael [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Tongass Conservation Society	Representative Member
Shay, John [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Assembly member	Representative Member
Slenkamp, Paul [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Alaska DNR	Representative Member
Vickrey, Gregory [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Tongass Conservation Society director	Representative Member
Weichelman, Kathleen [Ketchikan Resource Advisory Committee]	04/29/2005	04/29/2008	Ketchikan Outdoor Recreation and Trails Coalition	Representative Member
Anderson, Paul [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Petersburg mayor pro tem	Representative Member
Christensen, Geneva [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Commercial timber	Representative Member
Hursey, Scott [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005	04/20/2008	Captain, Yacht Company	Representative Member

Kohrt, Richard [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Ducks Unlimited	Representative Member
Luczak, Leo [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Marsh, Otis [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Murgas, John [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Local recreation community	Representative Member
Murrison, Nancy [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Developed outdoor recreation	Representative Member
Prunella, Robert [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Local resident of Southeast Alaska	Representative Member
Rak, Paula [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Rain Forest Creations, guide outdoor expeditions	Representative Member
Roberge, Scott [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member
Rushmore, Paul [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Southeast Alaska archaeological and history researcher	Representative Member
Todd, Stephen [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member
Wilson, Peggy [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Alaska State Representative, District 2	Representative Member
Wilson, Woody [Wrangell - Petersburg Resource Advisory Committee]	04/20/2005 04/20/2008 Developed outdoor recreation	Representative Member
Chadwick, Scott [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Charter boat operator	Representative Member
Coston, Rhonda [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Southeast Alaska community resident	Representative Member
Eades, Loretta [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Parks and Recreation	Representative Member
Henniger, Eileen [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Tribal wildlife biologist	Representative Member
Jacobson, Katherine [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Planning and Policy Council	Representative Member
Jensen, Rhoda [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Tribal language instructor	Representative Member
Matsko, John [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Fishing guide	Representative Member
Powell, Larry [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Southeast Alaska Conservation Council	Representative Member
Ramos, Judith [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Research--traditional cultures of Alaska	Representative Member
Sandhofer, Paul [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Tour operator	Representative Member
Sensmeier, Raymond [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Native Harbor Seal Commission	Representative Member

Silvernail, Suzanne [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Recreation activities	Representative Member
Stone, David [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Teacher	Representative Member
Vale, John [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Fisherman	Representative Member
Wolfe, Ronald [Yakutat Resource Advisory Committee]	09/25/2005 09/25/2008 Forester	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 43

Narrative Description

This Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) is mandated by Congress, under section 205 of PL 106-393, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. The Committee was established for two purposes: (1) to improve collaborative relationships among the people who use and care for the National Forests and the Forest Service, which manages the lands; and (2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service in identifying and implementing broadly supported land management projects that maintain existing infrastructure, enhance forest ecosystems, and improve land health and water quality. The RAC directly supports the agency's mission goal for ecosystem health: to Promote ecosystem health and conservation using a collaborative approach to sustain the Nations's forests, grasslands, and watersheds.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

15

Number of Recommendations Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

NA

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

NA

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

The agency provides feedback by involving the RAC in monitoring the implementation of the recommended projects.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
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| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Contact DFO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

This committee is inactive due to the non-renewal of the authorizing legislation.